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NORTH END EAST AND WEST PLANNING NEIGHBOURHOODS

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this profile is to provide a general socio-economic description of the North End East and West planning neighbourhoods.

The geographic boundaries for this study are: Wellington Street North (on the east); the Canadian National Railway tracks (on the south); and the Hamilton Harbour Headline joining Wellington Street North and the C.N.R. tracks. James Street North divides the North End East planning neighbourhood from the North End West planning neighbourhood in their respective directions. (See enclosed zoning maps of planning neighbourhoods). Both neighbourhoods combined will be referred to as the "North End" for the purposes of this report. Where possible, comparative data for the City of Hamilton is provided.

The profile contains information and statistics for the following areas:

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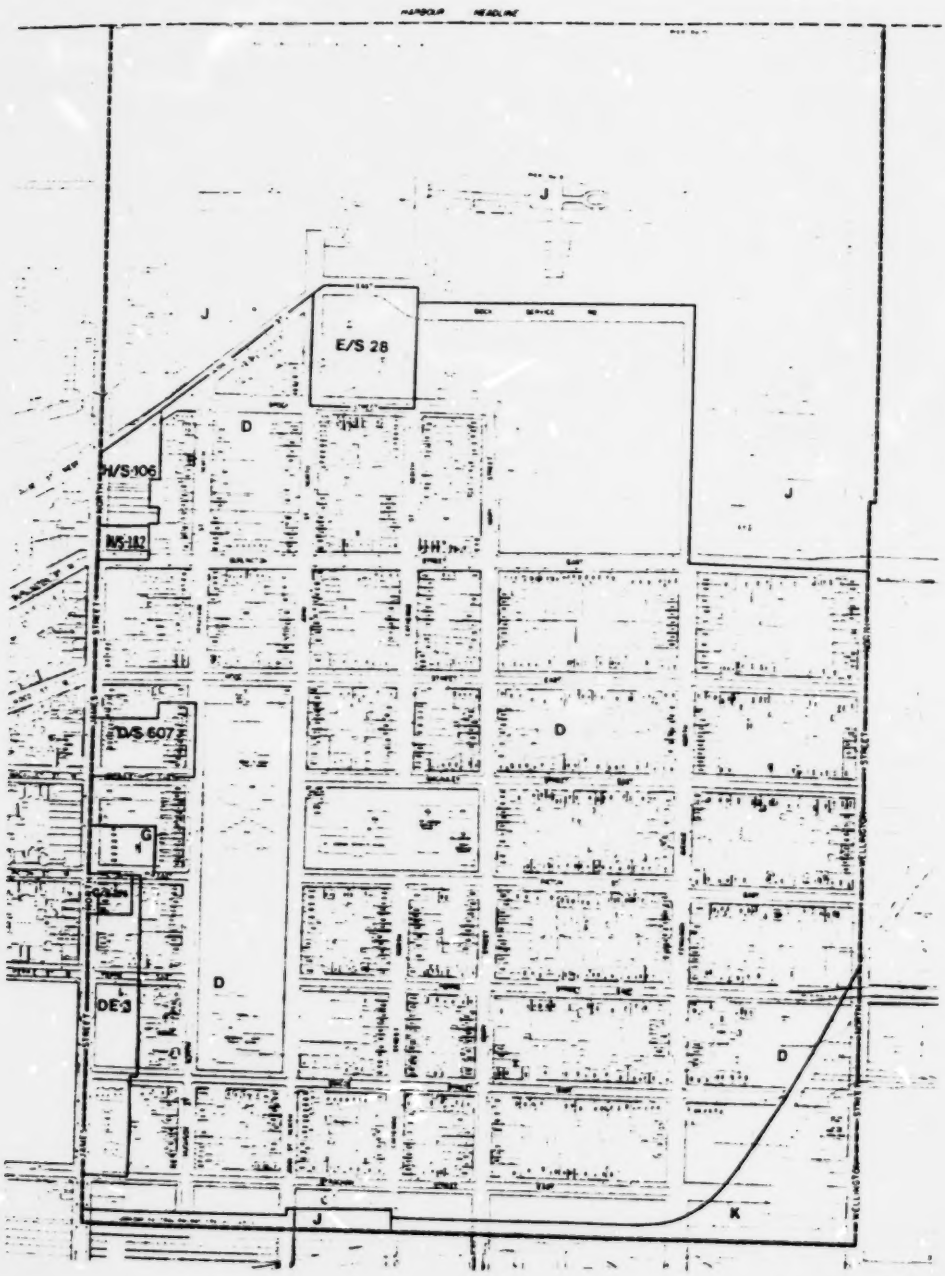

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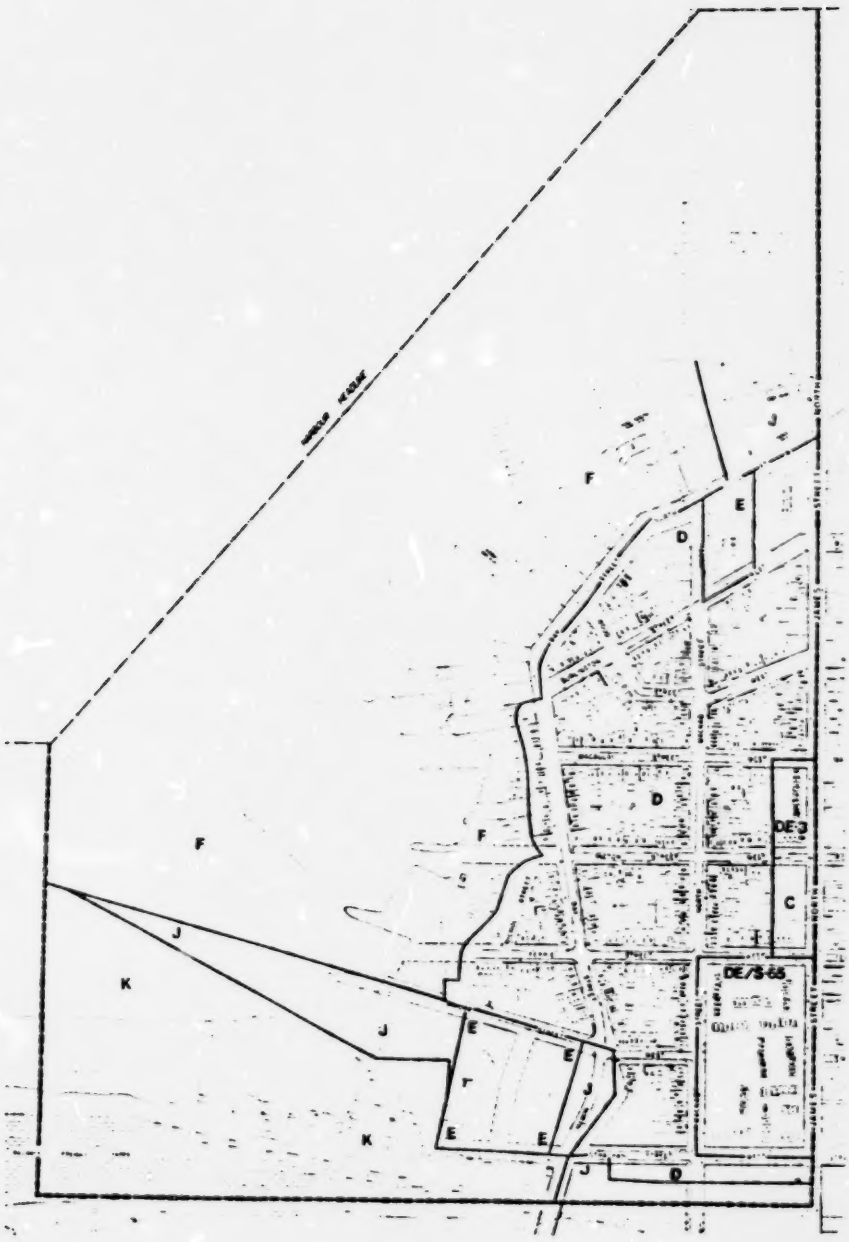

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POPULATION

The population of the North End has decreased since 1961.

Year	Population	Percentage Change
1961	8,362	
1966	7,213	-13.7
1971	7,355	2.0
1976	6,244	-15.1
1981	5,812	- 6.9

Source: Statistics Canada, 1961-1981

Between 1961 and 1981, the North End's population decreased by a total of 30.5 percent (2,550 persons) while the City of Hamilton's population increased by 11.8 percent (32,443 persons).

It is interesting to compare the North End's youth, working population and seniors to that of the City in 1982.

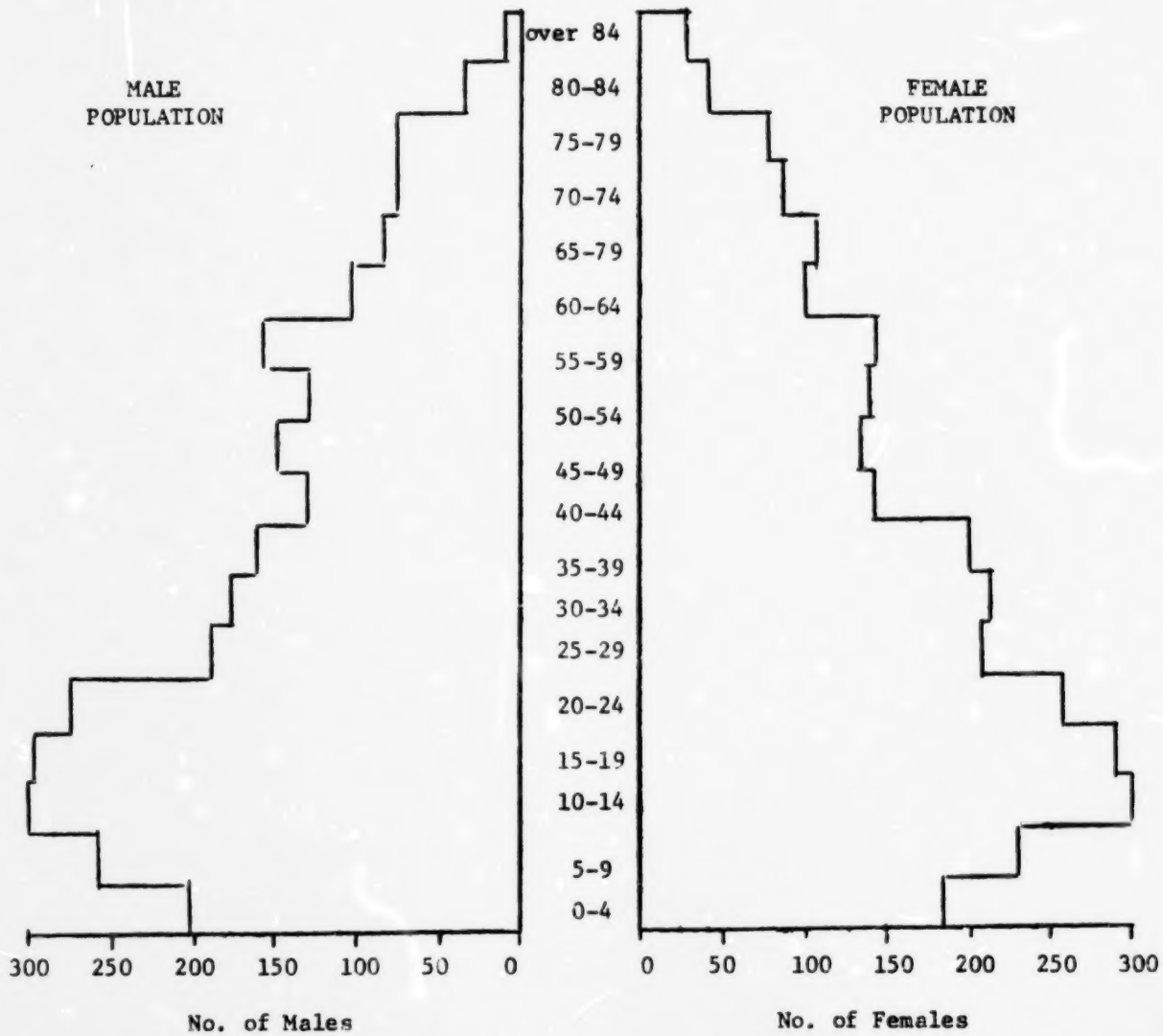
	North End		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Youth (under 15)	1,473	26.1	56,482	19.0
Working population*	3,572	63.4	203,846	68.8
Seniors (over 64)	590	10.5	36,024	12.2
TOTAL	5,634	100.0	296,352	100.0
Age Unknown	201		12,050	
Total Population	5,836		308,402	

*Potential working population between the ages of 15 and 64 in 1982.

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth, 1982.

The table shows that, in 1982, the North End had a smaller proportion of both working people and seniors than the City but a larger proportion of children.

The following population pyramid illustrates the population distribution in the North End in 1982.



Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth, 1982.

MOTHER TONGUE

A majority of North End inhabitants have first learned English as their language.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
English	3,785	65.1	75.4
French	155	2.7	1.9
Italian	510	8.8	22.7
German	50	0.9	
Ukrainian	45	0.8	
Polish	30	0.5	
Other	1,240	21.3	
TOTAL	5,815	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981.

The North End is a more diverse area than the City in terms of mother tongue.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS

A majority of North End residents are Catholic as the following table illustrates.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Catholic	3,275	56.3	38.6
Protestant	2,280	39.2	48.5
United Church	610	10.5	15.1
Anglican	785	13.5	14.2
Eastern Orthodox	20	0.3	2.9
Jewish	-	-	0.9
No religious preference	230	4.0	6.8
Eastern Non-Christian	5	0.1	1.3
Other	-	-	0.2
TOTAL	5,815		

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981

The North End has a much higher proportion of Catholics than the City but a lower proportion of Protestants.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

The following table provides an outline of the nature of the housing stock in the North End compared to the City for 'occupied private dwellings.'

	North End		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Owned	1,095	59.0		56.4
Rented	760	41.0		43.6
Total	1,855	100.0		100.0
Single detached	1,010	54.6		51.4
Apartment (5 or more storeys)	300	16.2		23.9
Other multiple dwellings	540	29.2		24.7
Average value of dwelling	$39,291		$54,484	
Average gross monthly rent	$ 223		$ 291	

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981

A larger proportion of North Enders own their own homes than in the City on average. A majority of the residences are single detached in nature. Almost 65 percent of the private dwellings were constructed before 1946. Average rents and dwelling values are lower than the City average.

ASSISTED HOUSING

There are a total of 268 assisted housing units in the North End currently

Family Units	122
Ontario Housing Corporation	112
Private Non-Profit	10
Senior Citizen Units	146
Ontario Housing Corporation	146
Handicapped Units	0

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District, 1982.

There is a proposal to construct a number of cooperative housing units at James Street North and Guise Street. The North End (particularly the North End West planning neighbourhood) contains a higher than average concentration of assisted housing units at about 3 percent of the 9,023 units in the City

FAMILY STRUCTURE

The North End has almost twice the proportion of lone-parent families as the City of Hamilton.

	North End		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Families in private household	1,480			
Husband-wife families	1,145	77.4		36.6
With children at home	795	69.4		59.7
With no children at home	350	30.6		40.3
Lone-parent families	335	22.6		13.4
Male parent	45	13.2		13.9
Female parent	295	86.8		86.1
Average No. of persons/family	3.4		3.1	
Average No. of children/family	1.6		1.2	

More husband-wife families in the North End have children at home and the average number of children per family is higher than the City average. The vast majority of lone-parent families are headed by females.

The unemployment rates in the North End have generally remained higher than those for the City while the participation rates have remained lower.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Males in labour force	1,455		
Participation rate		70.6	77.5
Unemployed	180		
Unemployment rate		12.4	5.6
Females in labour force	890		
Participation rate		40.6	50.7
Unemployed	125		
Unemployment rate		14.0	7.9
Married female participation rate		49.4	50.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981.

(Current unemployment rates can be expected to be much higher than those recorded in the 1981 Census).

INDUSTRY DIVISIONS

The following table describes the general type of business the labour force of the North End is employed in compared to the City on average.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Primary industries	55	2.4	0.8
Manufacturing industries	885	38.5	35.4
Construction industry	210	9.1	5.9
Transportation, communication and other utilities	210	9.1	5.4
Trade	380	16.5	15.7
Finance, insurance & real estate	75	3.3	4.3
Community, business & personal service industries	430	18.7	29.0
Public administration & defence	55	2.4	3.7
TOTAL	2,300	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981

North End residents are proportionately, employed more in what might be called 'blue-collar' businesses such as manufacturing and construction than the rest of the City population. There is a greater proportion of 'white-collar' workers in the City than in the North End.

FAMILY INCOME

The average incomes of families in the North End are generally lower than those in the City (by $5,816 or 30 percent).

	North End		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Under $5000	150	10.1		5.2
$ 5,000 - 9,999	235	15.9		9.5
$10,000 - 14,999	170	11.5		10.7
$15,000 - 19,999	245	16.6		12.8
$20,000 - 24,999	260	17.6		16.1
$25,000 - 29,999	155	10.5		14.5
$30,000 - 39,999	200	13.5		18.9
$40,000 and over	70	4.7		12.3
TOTAL	1,480	100.0		100.0
Average family income	$19,386		$25,202	
Incidence of low-income				
Families*		30.7		16.1
Unattached individuals		62.7		42.7

*Data for 'economic families'.

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981.

The incidence of low-income for economic families in the North End is almost twice that of the City of Hamilton. Nearly one-third of all economic families and two-thirds of all unattached individuals have low-incomes in the North End.

EDUCATION

Proportionally, nearly twice as many North Enders (15 years of age and older) have less than Grade 9 education compared to the City average.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Population 15 years and over	4,245		
Less than Grade 9	1,840	43.3	22.1
University degree	55	1.3	6.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981.

The City proportionately contains almost 5 times the number of university graduates than the North End.

The North End has 3 elementary schools - Bennetto, Centennial and St. Lawrence. School enrollments over the past 10 years, which have been slowly declining, for the public schools are presented below.

	Bennetto Senior Public School	Centennial Junior Public School
1972	357	540
1973	358	484
1974	352	455
1975	363	402
1976	352	532
1977	337	456
1978	295	470
1979	302	492
1980	292	505
1981	296	503
1982	287	503

Source: City of Hamilton Board of Education, 1982.

SOCIAL SERVICE UTILIZATION

Generally speaking, North End residents utilize major social services and social assistance programs to a greater extent than the rest of the City.

	North End		City of Hamilton
	No.[1]	Rate	Rate[2]
Addiction Research Foundation (1978-80)	3	0.52	0.49
Catholic Children's Aid Society (1982)	31	5.31	1.93
Chedoke Child & Family Centre (1978, Apr.-Sept.)	7	1.22	1.27
Children's Aid Society (1979)	32	5.56	2.35
Family Services of Hamilton-Wentworth (1979)	25	4.34	4.56
Meals-On-Wheels (1979)	7	1.22	2.46
Police calls (1980, Feb. - June.)			
- disturbances	210	36.48	22.60
- Liquor Control Act	11	1.91	3.21
- person crimes	84	14.59	3.70
- Property crimes	137	23.80	25.54
- other	182	31.62	28.07
Regional Social Services (1980, Oct.)	16	2.73	1.56
General Welfare Assistance (16 Sept. 1981)	153	27.27	13.43
Family Benefits Allowance (17 June. 1981)	299	53.30	23.23
TOTAL	452	80.57	36.66

[1] No. = number of clients

[2] Rate = utilization rate per 1000 population.

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District

The North End has a much higher utilization rate for General Welfare and Family Benefits Allowances than the City.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Political Representatives:

At the local level, the North End is part of Ward 2 and is represented on Regional and City Council by:

Mr. William McCulloch,
75 Arkledun Avenue,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8N 2H8

Telephone: business 526-2730
residence 525-6647

Mr. Vince Agro,
23 Hess Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8R 2S5

Telephone: business 526-2733
residence 528-2009

At the provincial level, the North End is part of the Hamilton West riding and is represented by:

Dr. Richard Allen,
278 King Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8P 1B1

Telephone: business 527-2556

At the federal level, the North End is part of the Hamilton West riding and is represented by:

Dr. Stan Hudecki,
224 Locke Street South,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8P 4B7

Telephone: business 529-7961

Parks and Recreation Facilities

The North End contains 4 parks and 1 recreation centre:

East wood Park	16 Acres
Bayview Playground	1 Acre
Pier 4 Park	6 Acres
Pier 8 Park	1 Acre

Bennetto Recreation Centre
450 Hughson Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 4N5

Education Facilities:

There are 3 elementary schools in the North End:

Bennetto Senior Public School,
444 Hughson Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 4N5

Centennial Junior Public School,
47 Simcoe Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 3N2

St. Lawrence Separate School,
88 MacAuley Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 3X3

Churches:

The North End has 4 churches in operation:

St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church,
475 Mary Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 4X3

St. Lukes Anglican Church,
80 MacAuley Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Calvin Grace Church,
541 James Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 1J6

Hughson Street Baptist Church,
386 Hughson Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Social/Other Services:

The North End contains within its boundaries the following services:

North End Information Services,
485 John Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 4R6

Hamilton and District Multicultural Council, Inc.
500 James Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 1J4

North End Residents Association,
485 John Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 4R6

Welcome Inn Friendship Centre (and Church)
40 Wood Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario. L3L 3Y3

Bayfront Senior Citizens,
541 James Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 1J6

Hamilton Harbour Commissioners,
605 James Street North,
Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 1J9